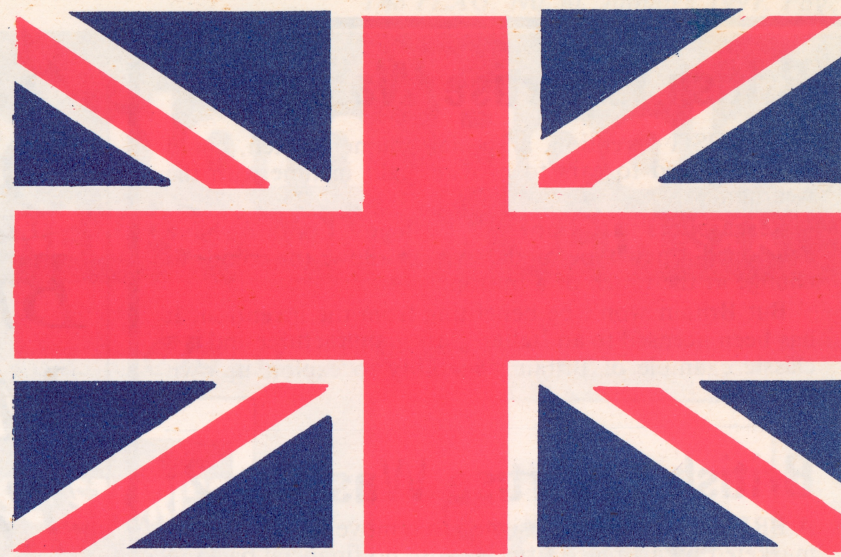


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RUC Rank & File Spell it out to Westminster

150 ARRESTS WILL HALT IRA TERROR!

by Steve Brady

SET-UP

CONSERVATIVE CENTRAL Office stage-managed their greatest coup to date when barely hours after the installation of new leader, John Major, they succeeded in getting a West Indian adopted as their candidate in the safe Tory seat of Cheltenham.

Smith Square knew there would be a furore when they presented Cheltenham with a short list of one candidate, and a black one at that. They knew that the only way their

ploy could succeed was to get the local constituency to feel sorry for West Indian John Taylor. It was an operation that needed meticulous planning, with the chosen Tory players meeting their cues exactly on time.

As soon as John Taylor was adopted on a split 111-83 vote, local Tories were stunned. Major Colin Lear complained "This man has been bulldozed into the constituency by Head Office. I

Tory HQ Coup in Cheltenham!

feel that the constituency has been badly treated by being given only one person to select from".

Constituency member Douglas Bernard demanded a special meeting of Cheltenham's Tory Association to reconsider Mr Taylor's adoption. But any move to oust Mr Taylor was nipped in the bud when Central Office played their trump card, William Galbraith.

Galbraith's pathetically offensive outburst was guaranteed to win the day for the West Indian candidate and Tory Central office. Reasoned objection to Taylor's adoption was forgotten as the sympathy lobby swung behind the installed candidate.

As the media whipped up the campaign behind Taylor suddenly anyone voicing concern at his adoption was branded 'a racist' and supporter of Galbraith. Within days the most blatant abuse of a Tory Party Constituency Association ever inflicted by Tory HQ in the Party's history had been accepted with local members too stunned or frightened to object.

Meanwhile Galbraith was quickly back-tracking on his outburst blaming the drink, and now expressing his total support for John Taylor. The West Indian himself was basking in the limelight enjoying his image as someone horribly wronged. How Tory Central Office must have loved that tumultuous applause that greeted Taylor when he



• MAJOR LEAR: Cheltenham has been badly treated.



• TAYLOR: Got the sympathy vote

appeared as a guest on the Terry Wogan show - surely proof positive of a job well done.

To the voters of Cheltenham, the National Front has just one thing to say. If you want a British candidate join the National Front and adopt a NF candidate for the General Election.

For the final word we look to the bible and Deuteronomy 17:15. "One from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee. Thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother".

ROUNDING UP JUST 150 hard-core IRA terrorists would end the violence in Ulster. That's what both security chiefs and rank-and-file Ulster Policemen have told the Westminster Government at a meeting during December.

But the Tory Government, the party of law and order won't do it. They know their "Anglo-Irish Agreement Partner" and fellow EEC member, the Irish Republic, would sabotage the round up by refusing to co-operate.

The British Government are more worried about offending Dublin than about the lives of British men, women and children which will be lost in the coming months if the bombers are left free.

The security chiefs, backed by the Northern Ireland Police Federation and most Ulster MPs, point out that the security forces know who and where virtually every IRA terrorist is. All that is needed, they say, would be a dawn swoop and the internment of the roughly 150 IRA activists to end the terror. The Government has the legal powers, being renewed in the new Emergency Powers Act, to do this at any time without warning.

But to work the swoop would have to be on both sides of the Ulster border at once, for many IRA killers operate from the Irish side. As one top security source said, "There is no border for the terrorists. Effective action must be taken by both sides together".

But Dublin - although it too has the legal power to intern terrorists without trial - won't co-operate. In fact, Dublin recently refused to even set up checkpoints on its side of the border, and regularly refuses to extradite notorious IRA murderers, preferring to let them walk free.

In the face of this, in effect, collusion by the Dublin regime with terrorists murdering British people, all the Tory Government can offer is even more pointless grovelling Anglo-Irish Agreement meetings. Grovelling which has gained nothing in return. The Irish Republic remains a safe house for terrorists. Dublin still puts more effort into getting IRA activists freed from British jails than into putting them into its own.



• ARRESTS: RUC must act!

Alone of UK-wide political parties, the National Front would allow our security forces to fight back. We would listen to those forces trying to fight the IRA, from top security experts to the Ulster policemen's trade union, the Police Federation, when they say "We know who the IRA are. We know where to find them. Just give us the word and we will end the bloodshed".

The National Front would give them the word. We'd bang up the bombers on British soil. And if Dublin wouldn't deal with those on its side of the border, we'd use the SAS and other suitable forces to deal with them ourselves.

We would end the Ulster troubles at a stroke. Anyone who didn't want to be British, all those who owe their allegiance to the Irish Republic or anywhere else other than Britain, would be asked to leave the country. Immediately and permanently.

The 'Racist' Stooge

CONSERVATIVE stalwart, William Galbraith was a Tory Party stooge for the John Taylor affair. His role was to ensure that the only publicised opposition to the imposition of a West Indian candidate on Cheltenham was his bigoted comments.

Galbraith has many friends in the higher levels of the Tory Party and was no doubt approached by one of these to play his role. He was a school chum of Tory MP Nicholas Fairbairn and has links with many other Tory MPs.

He made his infamous remarks in a speech to Party Members, however when it didn't hit the headlines immediately he telephoned local journalist John Hawkins of the Gloucester and County News Service and repeated them ensuring they got the publicity Tory HQ wanted.



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British Expertise Wasted - 1

A BRITISH invention, a special dimmer switch, could soon be fitted to cars to provide light in tune with the weather.

Researchers at Imperial College, London have developed a new type of glass which allows the colour to change at the touch of a button.

But Britain won't be benefiting from the invention. It has been licensed to an Italian glass manufacturer and is a classic example of Britain's inability to exploit its own research.

British Expertise Wasted - 2

A BRITISH invention designed to remove tattoos is to be marketed by a French firm because no financial backing could be found in Britain.

The pulse dye laser cost more than £100,000 and was developed by Manchester University. With 10,000 people on the waiting list for tattoo removal, it would have paid for itself in a month, but no backer could be found.

Our Government can pour money down the drain of Overseas Aid but won't invest in a profitable British invention.

1992- Industry leaves Britain

THE FAMOUS British toy name Tri-ang is closing its manufacturing operation in Britain and moving to France.

More than 100 jobs will go in Blackburn and Droydsden as Tri-ang, now wholly-owned by the French firm Clairbois, moves to a more central position in Europe in preparation for 1992.

The National Front has continually warned that the Single European Act will mean the hemorrhaging of British industry to the continent. Only by protecting British industry can we safeguard British jobs.

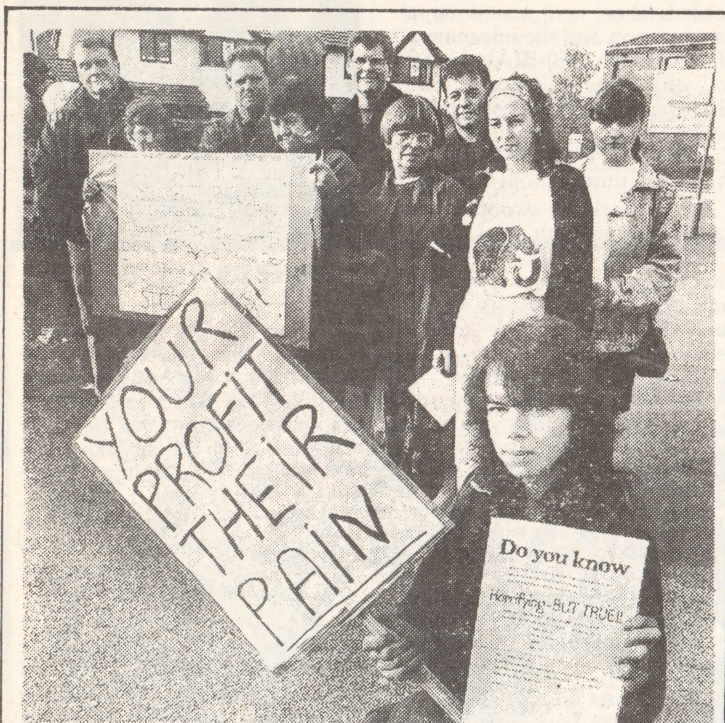
Police Set Poor Example

POLICE FORCES up and down the country are stabbing Britain's car workers in the back by buying foreign cars to use in their maintenance of law and order.

Tayside Police are buying Czech-made Skodas while their colleagues in South Yorkshire are forking out for a fleet of the Soviet-made Lada Samara.

A National Front Government would insist that all Britain's Police Forces support their fellow Britons by buying British-made cars only.

Sick Practice Angers Villagers



• STOP THE RITUAL SLAUGHTER: The villagers of Tyldesley protest.

RACE RELATIONS are taking a hammering in the Lancashire village of Tyldesley with White residents up in arms over the barbaric practice of ritual slaughter which is being carried out in a local abattoir.

Asian slaughterhouse owner Shoukat Mahmood is licensed to kill animals by the Halal method, a method of slaughter out of the dark ages, where animals are held upside down, have their throats cut and are alive and in agony until their blood drains away.

This sick practice has angered villagers and 400 signed a petition against it, but Mahmood ignored it saying he could get a

petition with a million names in favour of the method of slaughter.

The Halal method of slaughter is to provide meat for the Asian community living in Britain. British Abattoirs stun the animals before they are killed but this is not permitted in Muslim law.

The National Front is the only political party in Britain that has opposed ritual slaughter continually for the last 20 years. A National Front Government would ban this barbaric method of slaughter from the first day it took office.

Asians Offer Britons Money To Quit Yorkshire!

by Michael Hebden

MUSLIMS TRYING TO set up yet another colony in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, are harassing British council tenants, offering them bribes to move away from the district. Sums of up to £1,500 have been quoted in the district affected Westtown, where a new £250,000 mosque is nearing completion.

Mrs Cora Duncan of the local Tenants' and Residents' Association said the victims of this harassment are afraid to complain for fear of being called 'racist' or of being victimised. She said that the principle of offering money to people to move out of their own homes was wrong and needed to be brought out into the open. Many people who had lived in the district all of their lives had been distressed by the pressure put upon them.



• CHANGING TIMES: The new children of the White Rose County

The local council, notorious for its preferential treatment of immigrants, made placatory noises, saying that appropriate action would be taken if they were given specific details - well aware of the impossibility of identifying unknown Asians who turn up on the doorstep.

By contrast, the same Council took decisive action when the new Westtown mosque was vandalised recently. Amid screams of 'racism', the Council sent a special graffiti-removing squad to clean up the paint-daubed walls within 24 hours, yet refused to remove the graffiti from the town's historic Parish Church by saying that, unlike the mosque incident, 'racism' was not involved.

One of Yorkshire's densest concentrations of Muslims already exists in the Savile Town district of Dewsbury, around a huge mosque reputed to be the biggest in Europe. Savile Town is now a target settlement area for Muslims from all over the country.



• MUSLIM FESTIVAL: It's common place nowadays to see such parades in Yorkshire.

The Muslim colonisation strategy is well established. First they build or acquire a mosque, then they make determined efforts to displace the non-Muslim residents cynically aware that once they get a foothold, many non-Muslims are only too pleased to move away.

Near to Dewsbury is the town of Batley which also has Muslim colonies centred on mosques. Within the past month application has been made for the building of yet another mosque in the town, on the grounds that the existing brand-new minaretted building, financed by Saudi Arabian cash, is too far away. . . . Its distance from the proposed new site is, at most, a mile.

Yorkshire is systematically being taken away from the indigenous population. With the compliance of local councils, house by house, road by road and block by block, Asians are replacing the men, women and children of Yorkshire. At the General Election only National Front candidates will be pledging to stem the erosion of the White Rose county by stopping any further Asian immigration and returning those Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis already living in Britain back to their own countries.

No other candidate will be giving the people of Yorkshire that pledge.

CRISIS OVER LOST BEDS

CASUALTY PATIENTS are having to lie on trolleys for more than 24 hours before admission to King's College Hospital, south London, because of bed shortages. 120 beds have been cut by the Government so that the books can be balanced with beds also cut from emergency wards.

More than 1,000 beds have now been lost in London since April. King's has to cut £8.5 million from its annual budget by April 1992.

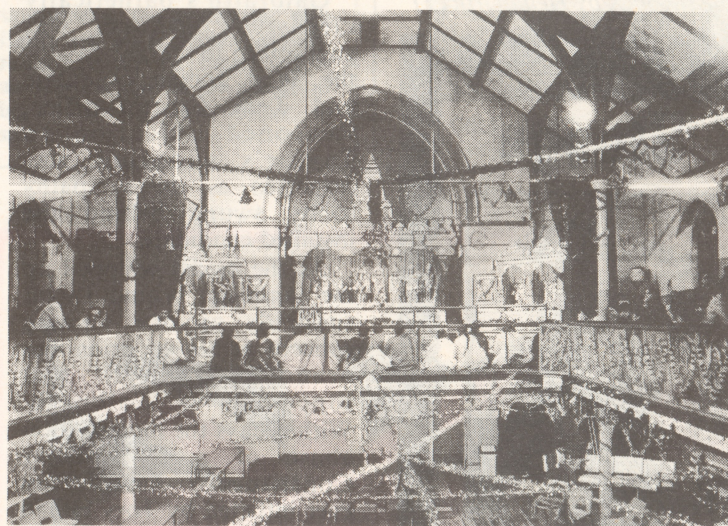
Despite the closure of a record 4,500 beds, Health Ministers still dismiss talk of a crisis in the Health Service.

* Ted Budden Page Six.

QUOTE OF THE YEAR!

"If Kuwait grew carrots, we wouldn't give a damn".

Lawrence Korb former US Assistant Defence Secretary.



• MOSQUES: The building of a mosque is the start of Asian colonisation.

Sacked For Wanting a British Education

A LEADING member of Manchester Labour Party faces expulsion after taking his son away from a junior school in the city.

Fifty year-old Mike Green of Woodlands Street, Cheetham, took his ten year-old son, Mark, away from Cheetham Community School because he was one of just 10 white pupils out of 313. Mike Green said he feared for his son's education if he was isolated from other white children believing Mark got too much of an Asian view of society.

But the remarks enraged Cheetham and Collyhurst Labour Party who are now seeking to expel Mr Green, a former Branch Secretary and Constituency Party Delegate.



• MIKE GREEN: The Labour Party didn't like his British views.

Blackburn Library Goes Ethnic

LABOUR COUNCILLORS in Blackburn have been at the forefront of a campaign to change the make-up of Blackburn Library.

Gone are the days when the Library reflected its British roots; January 1991 sees a new era with the Library reflecting the town's ethnic make-up of today. Not only does the Library boast the largest collection of Punjabi books in Lancashire, it also is boosting its total Asian book stock by 100 new books a month.

Two weekly Urdu newspapers have been introduced to the Reference Library in addition to the eight Asian papers already stocked and an ethnic minority librarian starts in February.

Growing Threat of Typhoid

FURTHER EVIDENCE that Britain faces a possible typhoid epidemic comes in a warning from the East Lancashire Health Authority to the Asian community in the county.

Community Relations Council Officer Rafique Malik expressed concern that Asians going home for holidays to Pakistan were not getting the recommended vaccinations and were returning to Britain with a new lethal strain of the killer disease.

Typhoid in Britain had almost been wiped out until the boom of immigration from the Asian sub-continent in the late sixties. There were over 200 cases in Britain in 1970.

Until 1989 less than 2% of all typhoid cases resisted the traditional treatment, but the first 9 months of 1990 saw a massive 30% rise in drug-resistant cases.

Judo Ace Fells 8 Muggers

A BRISTOL martial arts expert beat up a gang of EIGHT muggers when they pounced on him in the city.

The 19 year-old black belt in Akido, Ju-Jitsu and Judo from Redland was attacked in City Road, St Paul's.

The gang of eight black men surrounded him and tried to steal his money but he picked them off one-by-one and left them in a heap on the floor.

Bristol Police fear some of the muggers might have been seriously injured and have asked anyone knowing them or suspecting any injury that could have come from a martial arts beating to contact them on their Crimestoppers Reward Hot Line.

They Sound Like Fine Qualities!

THE FRENCH magazine 'Le Point' has described the British as slow, boring and too patriotic. In a recent article it claimed that the average Britons . . .

- * Were too patriotic and glorify war by buying Remembrance Day poppies;
- * Happy to put up with slow service in gloomy shops and pubs - which are more like ones in Eastern Europe;
- * Anti-German and anti-French and not interested in foreign languages;
- * Living in a 'Roast Beef Culture' by buying British products even though there are better European ones available.

It sounds more like proud, patriotic and patient to me. All very fine qualities.

Croydon Quick Off The Mark!

THE CROYDON Branch of the National Front has set the pace as the branch most quickly into its stride for 1991.

Barely had the New Year hangover subsided before it was the branch's Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5th January with guest speaker NF National Activities Organiser, John Hill.

Their January bulletin outlined the month's targets with a nice blend of political activity and fund-raising, door to door paper sales and leafletting during the week and car boot sales on Sunday. The main campaigns for the month are to get NF publications in Croydon Library and to get members to write letters to local papers outlining NF policy.



Meeting in Great Yarmouth

TWENTY MEMBERS attended the November meeting of the Great Yarmouth Branch of the National Front held in one of the town's hotels.

Guest speaker for the evening was Bill Fitt a former prominent Trade Union official from the area who gave a talk on the present political situation in general and trade unions in particular. Reporters from two of the town's newspapers also attended the meeting after prior arrangements were made with Great Yarmouth NF Organiser Tom Holmes.

• LEFT TO RIGHT: Top table at the November Meeting of the Great Yarmouth Branch of the National Front, Mr. T. Holmes (Organiser), Mr. W. Fitt (Guest Speaker), and Mr. J. Plant (Chairman).

1991: A Significant Year

General Election - Our Largest Project

by Ian Anderson
Chairman of the National Front

1991 PROMISES TO BE a significant year for the National Front built on the hard work of the last few years. Last year, in particular, showed solid if unspectacular progress. Although electorally we are still some way from gaining good election results, at both Mid-Staffs and Bradford North by-elections we polled over 300 votes - the first time for six years we have managed to achieve this small level of support.

In terms of membership 1990 was a good year, we managed to reduce the drop out rate to an all time low of less than 20% which means that our members are staying in for an average of five years. In fact most members who renew after the first year are staying with us for a long time now. This loss of members is more than made up for by the steady inflow of new members. For every hundred members we had at on the 1st of January 1990 we have gained 60 new recruits during the year which is a record increase and bodes well for the future.

The range and quality of literature produced in support of the National Front is now better than it has ever been. *The FLAG* is Britain's only regular monthly nationalist newspaper and it is reaching an ever increasing number of readers. *Vanguard* is now a magazine of the highest quality, standing comparison

with the very best. *Lionheart* has struck a chord with many readers with its lively and interesting style and *Freedom Books* now has the largest selection of leaflets, stickers, books, videos etc ever offered by a Nationalist organisation in Britain.

So as we enter 1991 the National Front is well set to embark on its next phase of expansion. To achieve this we have planned activities and programmes in a number of areas. Our largest single project is

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the next General Election. Whenever it comes the National Front will contest a number of seats; if it's called after June we aim to stand about 60 candidates. This will involve the distribution of nearly 2,000,000 leaflets, television and radio broadcasts and substantial press publicity. It will obviously cost the Party a great deal - the end result that we are aiming for is a greatly expanded membership and a re-emergence of the National Front on to the main political stage.

Besides this main target we will also be contesting many local council seats in the May elections and leading up to this we have planned a programme of major rallies in those areas where we have relatively new units.

Another major marker of our progress will be the acquisition of a freehold office for the Party. Although we are now almost in the position to purchase such a building in London we still need to expand certain aspects of our

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18. Walsall (-)
19. Hull & Grimsby (18)
20. Sevenoaks (-)

Chairman's New Year Message

We must make sure that we can justify our acts under the most hostile of questioning.



• FRONT LEADER: NF Chairman, Ian Anderson, (centre) at a NF conference.

commercial operations so that we can ensure the building generates a profit for the Party and is not a drain on our resources, which has so often been the case with nationalist offices.

From all this it is clear that the National Front has asserted its position as Britain's fifth largest political movement. At the end of 1989 I predicted that we would overtake David Owen's SDP and climb from sixth to fifth place. I am now confident that we will overhaul the Green Party to take fourth place. Certainly many television and newspaper journalists are now accepting this as being a likely development and consequently we are receiving much more coverage not only of our activities but of our policies.

Perhaps I should finish off with a word of warning. While there is little doubt that we will continue to accelerate our growth in the year to come, this will also bring a rise in the opposition to us. This will be from Red groups and the main political parties and also from hostile individuals in the mass media.

This makes it doubly important that every single member of the National Front acts in a responsible and dignified manner. The appearance of our Remembrance Day Parade last year was superb and came as a great surprise to many of the journalists that contacted us afterwards. In the past the National Front has often had individuals who behaved in silly, childish and stupid ways - we believe we have got rid of them.

The National Front has an absolute right to exist and function. We will fully assert and defend this right in the same way that our ancestors have defended their rights and liberties, but we must make sure that we can fully justify our actions under even the most hostile questioning. If we fail to do this then we will be wasting all the efforts of our members right across the United Kingdom.

Funds for Newcastle

NEWCASTLE'S GENERAL Election Fund now stands at £613.00 after donations in November totalled £48.50. The branch put out 1,200 leaflets during December in the Bensham and West End areas of the city.

The petition against saris being worn at Elswick Swimming Pool was handed in to Newcastle City Council by NF Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Tynebridge, John Harwood. A spokeswoman for the council said that clothing other than swimwear was only allowed for good cultural reasons!

Sunderland

SUNDERLAND NATIONAL Front put out 800 anti-IRA leaflets in the town during December promoting local press coverage after complaints from the town's Jewish community.

Sunderland NF Secretary, Kevin Bines, was surprised at the reaction and wrote in the local paper, "The Jewish people have an amazing ability to retain their identity, customs, language etc. For this they deserve credit. As a Racial Nationalist Party, are the National Front wrong to preach what the Jewish community in Britain practice?"

Wigan

WIGAN NATIONAL Front had an attendance of over forty members and supporters for their December meeting where the guest speaker was NF chairman, Ian Anderson.

Branch Chairman, John Hamilton, reported to the meeting on the progress of the Party in the area while local Organiser David Sudworth outlined plans for NF activity in this part of Lancashire for 1991.

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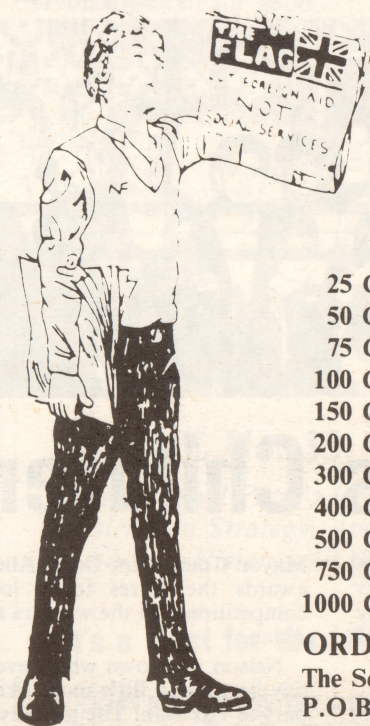
THE NATIONAL Front Student Association has been causing a stir in the London School of Economics. The LSE newspaper was split over whether to oppose the NF's Remembrance Day Parade or not, while it's letters page complained that NF stickers had appeared over Socialist Worker posters in the canteen.

On the broader front the 'London Student' newspaper, in an article called 'Frontal Attack', reported that the National Front Students' Association was picking up support from the capital's universities and colleges.

DIRECT CALL

National Front branches in some parts of the country now have their own postal address. You can contact your branch immediately for details of membership, meetings and activities. Save time and support your local unit by contacting them direct.

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Running Down our Defences

by Paul Flavelle

THE CLOSURE two years ago of RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire, was the start of the run down of Britain's defence which today continues apace.

RAF Binbrook opened in 1940 and operated Wellington and Lancaster bombers during the war. Binbrook's Lancasters were flown mainly by Australians, men who today when they visit Britain with their families have to 'queue up' on arrival, while thanks to our surrender to Europe, the Germans and Italians are waved straight through.

In the Post-War years Binbrook operated Lincolns, Canberras, Javelins and Lightnings, all British designed

and British built aircraft. With the end of the Lightning in 1988 there was for the first time no new-generation British interceptor to replace it. RAF Binbrook closed down.

Today our main air-defence fighter is the Tornado F.3. While the Tornado GR.1 is an excellent strike attack aircraft, the attempt to turn it into an interceptor has been a dismal failure. But let the F.3 pilots in the Gulf have the last word.

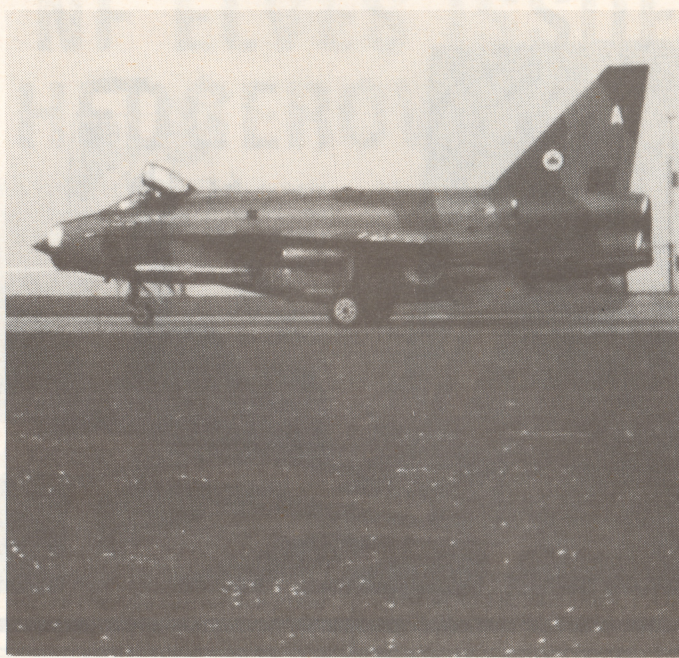
"Our F.3 is a bomber converted to a fighter and will always come second best when up against a MIG" confided one pilot while another in Dhahran said "The MIG 29 is by far the most dangerous aircraft... if they jump on our backsides they are

going to shoot us down. It is little wonder we feel second class citizens out here."

When the National Front comes to power we will reverse the treachery of Labour and Conservative Government's with a massive boost to our defences.

In doing so we will rebuild our industrial base and create thousands of real jobs in highly skilled industries earning billions for Britain in overseas sales.

But above all we will ensure that new generations of classic British aircraft once again take to the skies to defend us as they have so brilliantly done in the past.



● CLASSIC FIGHTER: A British Lightning Fighter at RAF Binbrook in

Grim Times in Barking

The 'Barking & Dagenham Post' on Wednesday December 12th carried some grim stories in its pages. Barking, the Essex town that became an East London overflow is gradually changing again. Like its neighbour, East Ham, Barking faces a future very different to the one expected for the town in the early 1950s.

Looking After The Gypsies

A £14,500 a year job is up for grabs as the warden of the council-run Gypsy site at Eastbrookend.

Applicants for the job must be able add-up, write reports, and be patient and understanding. As Barking Council is an equal opportunities employer, applications from the ethnic minorities, lesbians and homosexuals are especially welcome.

Celebrating a Pakistani Poet

THE PAKISTANI Community in Barking descended on Barking Library just before Christmas to hear a talk on the life and works of Pakistan's poet-philosopher Allama Sir Muhammad Iqbal.

Speakers included the education attache from the Pakistan High Commission, Zahid Hussain Kazmi and barrister Saleem Qureshi. The celebration of Pakistani culture also paid tribute to Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, and Barking Mayor Cllr. Fred Jones for his continual help to the Pakistani community in the borough.

10 Fold Increase in Sex Crimes Against Kids

POLICE IN Barking dealt with ten times as many sex crimes against children in the first nine months of this year as they did in the same period in 1989.

There were three times as many sex offences, 171 compared to 43 last year. Rape was up from three to 10 cases and there has been a big increase in the number of men who have been victims of indecency - 46 compared to six a year ago.

Muggings rose from 124 to 152 reported crimes, although Police admit that many bag snatches and crimes of money taken in the street by threat of violence were not reported.

Asian Women Boost Abortion Figures

THERE HAS been a 20% rise in the number of women having abortions in the Barking and Havering Health District in the last four years.

The rise reflects the increasing number of Asian women now resident in the borough who are pressured by their families to have abortions if the unborn child is female.

Of the women having the abortions, 465 were under 19, and 1,198 were aged from 20 to 34. The rest were between 35 and 49.



BUTCHERED BY BIG BUSINESS

2,500 JOBS will be the total number of jobs lost in Blackburn, as Scottish and Newcastle Breweries close down the Matthew Brown Head Office and Brewery in the Lancashire Mill Town.

The green light given by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to the Courage and Grand Metropolitan merger forced Scottish and Newcastle to cut back on its smaller traditional breweries.

Matthew Brown beers had been brewed for more than 160 years and the firm was considered not just a brewery but more of a tradition and part of the East Lancashire establishment.

The firm started in 1824 from a shop in Preston's Pole Street. In 1875 Matthew Brown set up his own company which made profits of £8,000 a year selling beer to local pubs in Lancashire. Within the next ten years the company bought more than 100 properties and when Matthew died in 1883 his son-in-law Joseph Smith took over.

In 1927 the company moved to Blackburn taking over Nuttall's Lion Brewery and by 1975 it owned 600 pubs, clubs and off-licences, more than 1,000 free trade outlets and a £1.5 million bottling plant.

In 1984 Matthew Brown took over Yorkshire Brewery Theakstons, but a year later had to fight off two takeover bids themselves from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries. In 1987 they were finally taken over by Scottish and Newcastle with a £186 million bid. Trade and Industry minister Lord Young decided not to refer the bid to the Monopolies Commission.

Three years after being taken over Matthew Brown has been wiped out. Murdered by Lord Young, the Tory Party and big Business.



● DESTROYING A TRADITION: Matthew Brown's Lion Brewery in Blackburn closed down in December.

Last Orders For Britain's Local Beers

Stuart Lake

BRITISH BEER IS under attack yet again and it could soon be last orders for dozens of traditional brands around the country.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation of the brewing industry designed to give the consumer more choice and to curtail the power of the Big Six brewers has, in fact, done the opposite.

The Office of Fair Trading has given approval for a deal between Grand Metropolitan, brewers of Watneys and Websters, and Courage Ltd that actually strengthens the monopoly. Under the deal Courage will brew the beer for the combined company's mammoth estate of 7,000 pubs. Hardly in the spirit of freedom of choice!

In a bid to make their own breweries more efficient the other big players in the industry plan to scrap many regional traditional brands and to shut some of their

smaller plants resulting in hundreds of jobs losses. Scottish and Newcastle have already announced the closure of Matthew Brown in Blackburn, and faced with an uncertain future one of the largest independents Greenall Whitley are to close their two plants at Warrington and Nottingham.

While rumour is rife in the industry regarding more closures and shady deals amongst the big boys, one thing is certain that the Tory Party are willing partners in the destruction of the traditional pint of beer.



● MATTHEW BROWN: His legacy has been destroyed.



Nelson's Children

— ONE LOOK at the above picture and you know that 'Nelson's Children' is not a reference to any connection with ancestors of British hero Horatio Nelson.

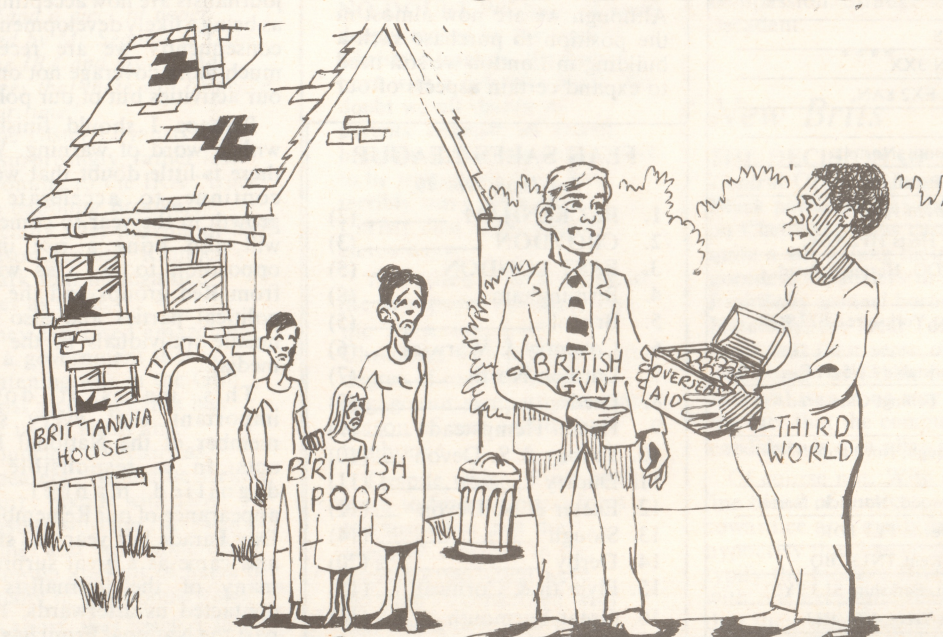
WINNERS ARE ASIAN

The picture shows a prize giving at the Youth Club in Nelson, Lancashire. The local

Mayor Coun. Mrs Doris Allen, awards the prizes for a logo competition. All the winners are Asian.

Nelson is a town which every day becomes a little more like a part of Pakistan. The town even organised social events for the townsfolk to celebrate the results of the recent Pakistani General Election!

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME!



Scrap Foreign Aid - Look After Britain's Poor and Homeless.

- ★ No foreigners own shares in its industries
- ★ No aliens have flooded into its factories
- ★ No imports are dumped in its shops.

After Half a Century of Economic Nationalism

Japan is the Planet's Richest Nation!

by Steve Brady

THE COLLAPSE OF THE "Uruguay Round" talks of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Brussels on 7th December is bad news for international financiers and enemies of national freedom everywhere. It is very good news for ordinary people and especially patriots in all countries.

For GATT was set up in 1947 as one of a network of international organisations centred around the United Nations aimed at enslaving and exploiting the peoples of our planet into a one world state.

To that end, GATT was intended to promote the International Capitalist goal of "the free movement of capital and labour across national boundaries". Which means the free movement of profits out of, and Coloured Immigrants into, the nations of Western Europe, North America and Australasia.

The idea being that Coloured Immigrants will undercut disciplined, unionised White labour-forces, working long hours for low pay. The profits thus sweated out of the import of cheap labour can then be exported to set up low cost industries in the Third World. That way White workers in civilized countries could be stripped first of their jobs, then of their industries, to the greater profit of International Capitalists.

By signing GATT, and keeping it going through rounds of talks every few years, the Governments of those White workers agreed to do nothing to prevent their peoples being exploited in this way.

In the longer term, GATT was intended to form the basis of an International Trade Organisation. A sort of giant Common Market, putting above even the EEC's unelected bureaucrats in Brussels a further layer of unelected UN bureaucrats in New York. Bureaucrats who in the heady early days of GATT and its sister international bodies saw themselves as a coming World Government.

Now these sinister plans lie in ruins. The inherent instabilities and internal contradictions of International Capitalism have torn GATT apart. Hopefully beyond recovery. Now the way lies clear for GATT member countries to reassert their economic independence. In particular, to put into effect

proper import controls to safeguard their own industries and agriculture against being undercut by sweated Third World exploited labour.

Of course, the sinister spiders who sought to weave a web around the world cry 'Woe!' at this prospect. They say such protectionism will lead to trade wars, a Thirties-style Global Slump and so on. This is nonsense.

The Thirties Slump was caused, not by economic nationalism, but



No longer would Wall Street or Tokyo sneeze and Britain catch a cold!



by precisely the sort of economic internationalism GATT was set up to rebuild.

In particular, the Slump was brought about in 1929 by the tangle of international bank loans covering most of the developed world.

International Capitalism had bound the world in a web of debt. So that when one bank in Austria couldn't juggle its books any longer and failed, it caused a collapse of confidence in New York's Wall Street. That in turn brought the economies of every major nation, hopelessly intertwined as they were, down in ten years of ruin. Only countries

which then turned to economic nationalism were able to scramble out of the abyss.

In a GATT-free world of independent economies, trading with each other only where absolutely necessary to obtain raw materials, for example, tropical produce they could not find within their own frontiers, such international trade cycles, with their worldwide booms and slumps, would be a thing of the past. No longer would Wall Street or Tokyo sneeze and Britain catch a cold - while the poorest countries faced death from pneumonia!

Instead every country's shops would be filled with goods made in that country's factories by that country's workers. In a world where there is less and less to go around among more and more people, economic independence for all would mean economic exploitation for none.

No more cutting down of Brazilian rainforests to make office furniture for Japan and to raise cattle for American beefburgers for example.

"It would never work", the international exploiters scoff. Well one country has spent fifty years standing alone behind a tariff wall, maintaining its economic independence in thinly-hidden defiance of GATT.

- ★ No foreigners own shares in its industries.
- ★ No alien immigrants have flooded into its factories
- ★ No imports are dumped in its shops.

After half a century of 'protectionism', half a century of economic nationalism, what do we find? Japan - the richest nation, the biggest economy, on our planet!

Now the collapse of GATT offers us all a chance to share in a Japanese-style economic nationalism revival. We must welcome it with open arms. GATT is dead! Long Live economic freedom! On the ashes of GATT we will build our National and Racial Freedom.



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Friends or Foes

IN ONE COUNTRY recently a group of respectable middle-aged women were arrested on the streets at gunpoint. They were handed over to an Inquisition of religious fanatics, led by a mullah who once proclaimed that the Sun goes around the Earth.

The same inquisition just 14 days earlier had an eighteen year-old girl marched to the main square in the capital of this country, forced her to kneel, then hacked off her head with a sword, for sleeping with her boyfriend outside of wedlock.

Regularly Hacked Off

In this country peoples' hands and noses are regularly hacked off for petty crimes.

On pain of being publicly flogged, the women arrested were forced to sign an undertaking not to commit their 'their vile crime' again. After which they slunk out, encased in their 'black bin bags' to which all their gender are confined on pain of worse than flogging by the country's laws. The crime of these women? Driving a car in public.

Meanwhile, in a neighbouring country, women, dressed as they pleased, drove cars freely, Christians, including the country's Foreign Minister, were free to practice their faith - banned in that first country. Indeed, in this neighbouring country the ruling political party follows an ideology founded by a Christian.

Its Government has helped restore Christian monasteries and provided land for a new residence for the Catholic patriarch. No-one is persecuted for their religion. No-one is flogged or mutilated in the public squares.

Which Country?

Which country would you rather die to defend? Well, if you're a British soldier, you don't get the choice.

The Conservative Government fully backed by the Labour opposition has sent you to put your life on the line for the medieval barbarians of the first country, Saudi Arabia. To defend its mad mullahs and corrupt sheikhs from the relatively enlightened second country, Iraq!

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Here's To The Next Fifty

THE FLAG was first published in August 1986. A newspaper that was born out the turmoil of the most devastating split in the ranks of the National Front in the Party's 23 year history.

In those early days the role of *The FLAG* was to keep the reasoned voice of the National Front alive. To ensure the patriotic members and supporters of the NF knew that the drivel being dished up as NF policy by the deviants and zealots that had hi-jacked the Party did not have the backing of the vast majority of the NF membership.

The FLAG succeeded brilliantly in that role and 12 months ago the last fragments of the lunatic fringe of the NF disappeared for good.

The FLAG looks forward to the next fifty issues with confidence and optimism. The commitment of all those connected with the paper from the journalists to the distributors and sellers ensures the paper a prosperous future.

The Truth of the Bologna Bombing

IN 1980 terrorists planted a bomb at Bologna Railway Station which killed 85 people.

The media immediately blamed Right-Wing Fascists for the massacre and hundreds of members of Italy's nationalist parties were interned and some sentenced for the bombing. The British media jumped on the bandwagon and even attempted to associate the National Front with the events in Italy.

But gradually as more evidence came to light it became clear that, as with many other

terrorist attacks in Italy in the '70s, it was the fanatical Red Brigade that was responsible. Italian Nationalists were gradually released with the sentences on the remaining few in prison finally quashed just this July.

A plaque on Bologna Station still claims that the 85 people killed were the victims of Fascist Terrorism, but now even this is to be changed. Magistrates in Bologna have given leave for the word *Fascist* to be removed from the plaque.

POLITICIANS HAVE NO ROAD SENSE

THE TORY transport minister who had to resign because he was caught drinking and driving during the Bournemouth Conference is not alone among erring Members of Parliament on our roads.

Liberal Democrat MP Menzies Campbell has been asking for tough action to stop vehicles speeding through Fife shire villages. Mr Campbell is something of an expert on the subject. In 1988 he was fined £75.00. For speeding!

Labour MP, Joe Ashton was

recently banned from driving for six months after being caught doing 48 mph in a 30 mph zone. Mr Ashton blamed "The Poll Tax" and "rowdy elements of the hard left", for taking his mind off the delicate task of obeying the speed limit. But Mr Ashton already had 10 penalty points on his licence, imposed in 1987 for reckless driving and speeding. Since the Poll Tax didn't exist in 1987 what on earth distracted him then?

Of course! It must have been the Militant Tendency.

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HIGH PRICE PAID FOR BLACK RECRUIT

GREATER MANCHESTER Police spent a lot of time, money and effort in preparing a series of recruitment evenings for applicants to the Police Force from the ethnic minorities.

Only 2% of the Force's officers are black despite the ethnic minorities making up more than 8% of the Greater Manchester population.

However the recruitment evenings in Collyhurst and Trafford proved a total disaster. At both meetings not one hopeful from the ethnic minorities turned up!

No doubt many white police officers will be relieved at the lack of response following the revelations at the Ryton Police Training Centre in Coventry.

Just on the word of one black recruit, Andrew Atkins, a sergeant instructor was sacked, another fined, and three more face disciplinary action after Atkins claimed he had been racially abused!



• ATKINS: Got colleagues sacked



NF ELVES ISSUE HEDGEROW PLEA

NATIONAL FRONT elves were on the streets of Enfield on Saturday 22nd December distributing gifts to local children.

Each child was given a parcel containing a recycled notebook and a badge sporting the slogan "Save the Hedgerows".

The NF activity was organised

• **PRESENT WITH A MESSAGE:** Paul Nash of London North NF gives a young local lad his present. Full marks to London North NF for their originality in getting over to the public the National Front's concern over the destruction of our countryside.

by London North National Front and drew attention to the long-term damage being inflicted on the countryside by new farming techniques. Thousands of miles of hedgerows are being ripped up by this agri-business, destroying wildlife and damaging the soil.

NEW ADDRESS

NEWCASTLE NATIONAL Front now have a new postal address.

They can be contacted by writing to The Secretary, P.O.Box 1RX, Newcastle, NE99 1RX.



• **TEBBIT:** West Indian candidate Taylor is wonderful.

Right-Wing Tories Exposed!

THE CREDIBILITY of a number of 'Right-Wing' anti-immigration Tories took a hammering in the recent Black candidate row.

In a letter to the *Daily Telegraph* on December 6th race-row headmaster Ray Honeyford said of the West Indian candidate in question that "the Tories of Cheltenham should be counting their blessings they have such an outstanding candidate. By all accounts Mr Taylor is a man of great ability". Honeyford fawned on, "and he will make a first rate, perhaps even a distinguished, MP."

An even brighter future for the immigrant imposed on Cheltenham by Tory Central Office was prophesied by another so-called 'Tory hard-liner'.

On December 2nd Norman Tebbit said "I am sure he will not only be our first Black MP, but our first Black Cabinet Minister". Doubtless other 'anti-immigration Tories will be queuing up to offer their token Black the keys of No.10 Downing Street!

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The Thatcher Legacy

DESPITE THE almost universal rejoicing at the departure of that strident old egomaniac Margaret Thatcher from the post of Prime Minister, most of the tame Tory press made great play of her enormous achievements - in particular, they insisted, the fact that she had taught Britain to "stand tall". Ah yes, so she did - just tall enough to kiss America's backside.

For alas, the departure of Thatcher has in no way brought about the disappearance of the delusion, which she shared with most of the population, that Britain has some sort of "special relationship" with the United States, far from it. For the little grey wimp who now tries to fill her shoes had barely had time to move his furniture into No 10 Downing Street before he felt obliged to fly off to Washington DC to receive President Bush's seal of approval and to assure the Americans of our continuing loyalty and determination to maintain our "special relationship". I am convinced that they do it just to annoy me.

For there is no "special relationship" nor has there ever been. Americans regard our claim to one with amused contempt and it must be obvious to anyone without self-inflicted myopia that Bush regards Prime Minister Major as being very minor indeed.

Despite a more or less common language and the Anglicising of names in America, fewer than 17% of Americans claim British descent and that proportion is declining rapidly.

Yet still the delusion persists and still we fail to grasp the fact that America is a foreign country that regards

us as being of little account. We ape American manners and accents; we mimic America's suicidal attitude to race; we slavishly copy America's decadent laws and sexual mores; we fill our TV screens with decadent American trash and it has become the very root of our own decadence.

Dean Acheson, the former American Secretary of State and a good friend of Britain, once remarked that we had lost an empire but had not yet found a role. That was a long time ago and we still haven't found one.

Instead we prefer to live in a dream world where we have a notional special relationship with a notional super power. That, in truth, is the real Thatcher legacy.

Peace in our Time

FOR ME THE most stomach churning event of Christmas was not, for once, my Christmas dinner but the "three day truce" announced by the homicidal psychopaths of Murder Incorporated, sometimes called the IRA. On second thoughts though it was not their cynical ploy that was so vomit-worthy but the grovelling response of our bungling buffoon of a Northern Ireland Secretary, Peter "Babbling" Brooke.

His reaction to the "truce" was of the kind that one might make to a friendly overture from a foreign government - he "welcomed" the ceasefire and "hoped that it might be extended to a lasting peace". I suppose we should be thankful that he didn't invite them for a chat over Christmas dinner but then perhaps he did - after all, that "much-respected" Tory tripehound William Whitelaw did something similar not so

The Ted Budden Column

Ted Budden was a founder member of the National Front. In his column he gives his view of the world. His comments and observations do not necessarily reflect NF Policy.



many moons ago.

However, I suppose that before peace talks can really begin the IRA must be accorded full diplomatic status. Then, no doubt, the babbling Brooke can fly to London to wave a piece of paper and declare, "I have in my hand a piece of paper signed by Mr Seamus O'Gonk of the IRA and myself that pledges that there will be peace in our time".

The Ulster Loyalists were, not surprisingly, rather less welcoming to the IRA "truce" than babbling Brooke, especially after hearing of Neil "Poison Peanut" Kinnock's remark that he regarded Ulster as Irish.

They expressed amazement that a government that is threatening war in the Gulf against a country that has done us no harm and denouncing objectors as "appeasers" should be seeking to curry favour with IRA gangsters who are our sworn enemies and have done the maximum amount of harm to so many of our countrymen.

In short, they smell a rat.

I regret to inform them that their olfactory nerves are defective.

What they can actually smell is a pack of treacherous skunks".

Strange Compassion

NO DOUBT WE have all been deeply moved by the saga of Christy Strachan, the baby born with a defective heart. No doubt we all shared the parents' anguish; all waited breathlessly for the donor heart to be transplanted; all felt terribly sorry when little Christy died at the age of eleven days.

Yes indeed. The story filled the newspaper headlines and the TV screens over Christmas with just the right degree of mawkishness to engage our sympathy in that season of cant and bogus bonhomie.

Despite which, I just can't seem to free my mind from the suspicion that the surgeons engaged in the bizarre experiment were perhaps as concerned with creating a new record as saving little Christy's life. After all, a success would have worked wonders for

their reputations.

Perhaps I do them an injustice but surely the operation that made Christy's short life wretched was doomed to failure from the outset and involved an extravagant expenditure of resources that seems incongruous in a service that continually complains of a shortage of such resources.

That feeling was most certainly not lessened by the inane comment of one of the surgeons that Christy was "a brave little baby". At least it was not claimed that he gave his life for medical science.

Instead of shedding tears over a sickly child sadly destined to die, perhaps we might reserve just a little of our compassion for the hundreds of thousands of inconvenient healthy children aborted with our connivance.

But then we'd rather not do that. We'd rather avert our eyes and pretend we haven't noticed. It's a strange sort of compassion. Strange and decadent.

New Brits

THE DECISION OF Tory Central Office to impose a Black parliamentary candidate on Cheltenham has caused quite a stir among their gormless supporters in that frightfully genteel borough. Naturally, the local Tories insist that their sense of shock and dismay and their feeling of betrayal was in no way due to the fact that the compulsory candidate is of an alien race!

Of course not. With that fine blend of furtive cowardice and mealy mouthed hypocrisy that has come to typify the modern British, all, with one exception, declared that their objection was not based on the simple fact that the aspiring Mr John Taylor, is a racial alien but merely

that they wished their candidate to be "a local man" - local men, naturally, being not very black. Moreover they were, they insisted, just a little peeved that the "short list" of candidates compiled by the Central Office stooges of the Cheltenham Selection Committee was the very shortest short list possible - namely one candidate and a black one at that.

The exception was Mr Bill Galbraith. This brave soul bluntly stated that he objected to Tory Central Office foisting "this bloody nigger" on the town.

Fair comment, all thinking people would suppose, and for a couple of days Mr Galbraith was almost a national hero, especially among those people who think precisely the same way but haven't got the guts to say so. He became briefly a reincarnation of Alf Garnett, the leftist creation once foolishly admired by most British, and served precisely the same purpose - to discredit the decent racial preference of normal people.

For, alas, 48 hours of media harassment and three hours of questioning by the muttonheads of the local Gestapo made him regret his rashness and turned his feet of clay into mush. He swiftly wrote a grovelling letter of apology to the offended sambo and abased himself still further by pledging his loyal support the election. He has since been expelled from the Conservative Party. Such a pity, he was a typical Tory.

Of course Tory Central Office categorically deny that they had imposed a Black candidate on Cheltenham. The fact that Kenneth Baker, then Tory Party Chairman, had paid a visit to the Cheltenham Selection Committee was purely coincidental - no doubt he just happened to be passing

FLAG SPORT

FLAG TIPS

WINNERS have been hard to find at the back end of 1990 but we start the year full of expectation. Josh Gifford's **BUCK WILLOW** is special, watch him pick up some 2 mile chases. Northern-trained **CAPTAIN MOR** is another that will be winning in January.

Best of the month is 2 mile hurdler **FOUJITA** there's a handicap hurdle just waiting for him at very rewarding odds.

Pakistan Make Their Own Rules!

WHILE ENGLAND has been struggling to avoid the wooden spoon in the series of one day matches with New Zealand and Australia, there have been more dark deeds on the Asian continent.

Once again Pakistan has been demonstrating that while it is vaguely aware of the written rules of cricket it believes that the game should be played with the same element of fairness that they usually reserve for their political elections.

The latest victim of their cheating by the rules are the West Indies who have been on tour in Pakistan. The Pakistani authorities had prepared pitches that completely deprived the West Indian bowlers of the bounce which is so essential to their bowling. The pitches were so extreme that virtually every commentator commented on the fact.

As a result Pakistan managed to scrape a drawn series after winning the First Test. If the series had been played anywhere else in the world there is little doubt the West Indies would have trounced Pakistan.

It is now necessary to ask whether there is any real point in allowing Pakistan to play senior international cricket. With fixed pitches, questionable umpires and spectators that riot if their side is not winning... not exactly cricket is it?



• PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Being worn at a school in East Anglia.

Don't Americanise British Rugby!

BRITAIN'S RUGBY players will soon be looking like American footballers unless the game's ruling body, the Rugby Football Union at Twickenham deals effectively with the growing trend for players to wear protecting headgear.

The headgear which is worn in Australia and Japan and is appearing more and more in Britain's schools is similar to lightweight versions of boxers' sparring headgear. They are made of vinyl stuffed with foam and reduce the impact by half.

But instead of reducing injuries the Rugby Football Union believes the protectors

encourage more violent and irresponsible play. "We believe if young players wear head protectors they will start to play rugby like American footballers, and we don't want that" said Ian Beer chairman of the RFU's Injury Working Party.

Rugby Union is a tough sport and not for those of a mild disposition. It's a game that has been played in schools and colleges throughout the last century with no need for headgear. It would be against the spirit of the game to start changing the rules with regard to head protectors now.

End Sporting Links With the Republic?

by Keith Wood

ENGLAND FANS were fuming after the Republic of Ireland refused to play 'God Save the Queen' before the recent European Nations Cup match.

Players and fans stood to attention as a police band played the Irish anthem, but they waited in vain for the National Anthem because the band just marched away after the one rendition.

The officials axed it because the FA feared it would be

drowned out by jeers and catcalls, and were anxious not to offend the delicate feelings of the Irish crowd.

The British people have been offended by more than 20 years of Republican inspired terrorism. If we are to play sport with the Irish Republic, Britain must be treated with respect. If the feelings of Irish crowds are offended by our National Anthem at these events then Britain had better stop playing teams from the Republic.

BIG BUSINESS THREAT TO SPORT

by Mike Duncan

WATCHING THE cricketers in Australia wearing non-white clothing and the whole game being turned into a form of football match with its constant quest for excitement seems to sum up how much cricket, and sport generally, has changed over the past few years.

Cricket, like most sports, is a game to play as its first priority, not to promote. It is the apparent craving the business world has for sponsorship and marketing that is causing the ruination of sport as we know it.

Mental attitudes, not money, create success at sport. The combination of a sponsor, a television station, and a player seeking appearance money is an obvious formula for problems.

Big business will be the demise of sport in this country.

Criminal Sponsor



• LEVITT: Creeping out of court.

ROGER LEVITT, chairman of the Levitt Group of Financial Services, was remanded just before Christmas on bail of £500,000 at Bow Street Magistrates Court after being charged on two counts of theft totalling £665,000.

Despite the collapse of the company its name lives on emblazoned across the shirts of GM Conference pacesetters, Barnet Football Club.

While, no doubt, the north London club welcomed the sponsorship, the association with Levitt and his financial dealings, reflects badly on them and is another example of the pitfalls of big business's involvement in sport.

STOP PRESS

Foreign Bullets Foreign Ships

THE MADNESS OF Britain's involvement in the Gulf Crisis is laid bare again with Britain having to buy ammunition from her so-called European allies to supply her artillery

Britain will have 60,000 tons of ammunition in the field by mid-January. The main demand will come from the gunner batteries equipped with M109 and M110 artillery, and the heavy gun unit equipped with the latest multiple-launch rocket system. To maintain a constant artillery barrage, the gunner units should be capable of firing up to 60,000 rounds a day.

Britain's stocks of shells for the huge 203mm M110 gun are limited and the Government appealed to her Gulf allies for extra supplies. Germany and the Netherlands offered help but insisted on charging for the ammunition.

Since the Royal Ordnance sell-off, Britain's shell factories have been run-down, leaving Britain facing a war and having to pay through the nose to buy foreign shells.

And that's not the only time in the last month the taxpayer is being forced to fork out for this Middle-East adventurism.

Due to the run-down of the Merchant Navy, Britain had to charter ships to take troops and equipment to the Gulf. Of those chartered just two were British, 41 others were hired from foreign countries. In fact Britain's Gulf Fleet comprised of Dutch, Norwegian, Spanish, Cypriot, Panamanian, German, Italian, Swedish, Greek and Portuguese ships, who charged the Government three times the standard rates for their charter.

The Ministry of Defence deliberately ignored what remained of Britain's Merchant Fleet, forcing a member of the

Council for British shipowners to react angrily. Mr Desmond Wettren, wrote in *Navint* the international naval newsletter,

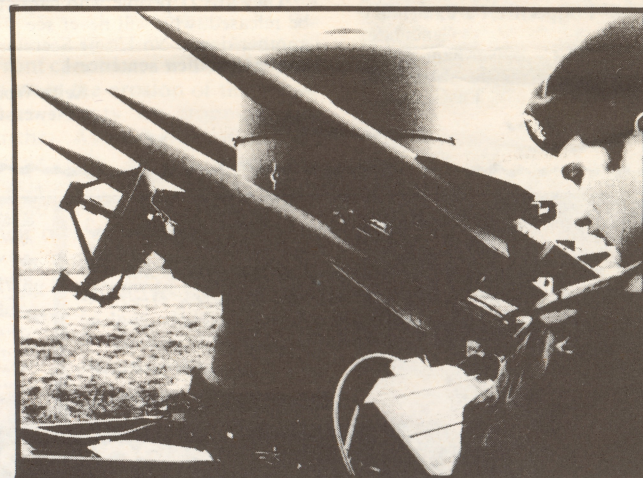
"British shipowners believe there is positive discrimination by the Department of Transport and Defence Ministry officials against the use of UK flag merchant ships to move military equipment to the Gulf."

"While it is evident there is some inefficiency among officials, this cannot explain the somewhat cavalier attitude shown towards shipowners who have offered their ships for charter. Two British companies had their offers refused and one failed to receive a reply from the Department of Transport."

It is madness that the British taxpayer is having to pay through the nose to buy bullets to be involved in this Middle-East farce.

It is madness that Britain is having to pay THREE TIMES the standard rate for foreign ships to take our troops and equipment to the Gulf.

Britain's involvement in the Gulf crisis IS madness. BRING OUR BOYS HOME!



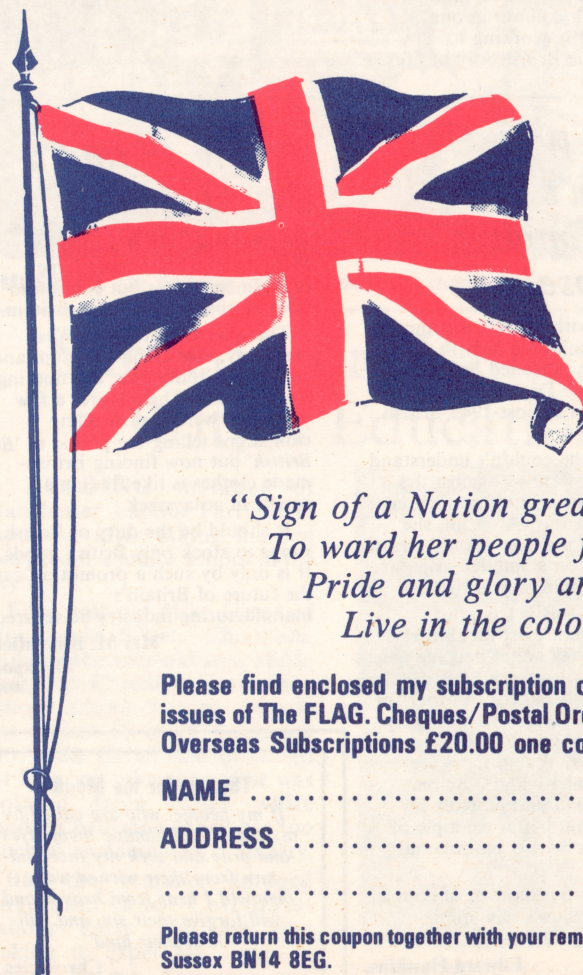
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